

U. S. S. FRANK KNOX (DDR-742)

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From: Commanding Officer, U.S.S. FRANK KNOX (DDR 742)
To: Chief of Naval Operations (Attn: OP 291SH)

Subj: Revision to Ship's History for Calendar Year 1963;
Submission of

Ref: (a) OPNAV Instruction 5750.7
(b) COMCRUDESPAC Regulations Article A 3109

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b) the following data is submitted for revision of the ship's history:

a. Commanding Officers and periods served:

- (1) Commander John A. SWANK, U.S. Navy - 1 January to 17 July 1963.
- (2) Commander Orlin N. PUTMAN, U.S. Navy - 17 July to 31 December 1963.

b. Principle ship movements and engagements:

- (1) ASW exercises from 4 February to 7 February 1963
- (2) Deployed to operate as a unit of TF 77 from 12 February to 4 March 1963.
- (3) Deployed to operate as a unit of TG 77.7 from 11 March to 9 April 1963.
- (4) Participated in "Project Mercury" as a recovery station ship from 2 May to 24 May 1963. (See subparagraph d. (16) this letter, Special Awards or Outstanding Events).
- (5) Deployed to operate as a unit of TG 77.4 from 24 May to 20 June 1963.
- (6) The FRANK KNOX was transferred from DESDIV 91 to DESDIV 92 on 1 July 1963.
- (7) Deployed to operate as a unit of TG 77.4 from 1 July to 28 July 1963.
- (8) Deployed to operate as a unit of TG 77.4 from 12 August to 22 August 1963.
- (9) Deployed to operate as a unit of TG 77.5 from 5 September to 25 September 1963
- (10) Participated in OPERATION PIERHEAD from 27 October to 14 November 1963.

(11) Deployed to operate as a unit of TG 77.6 from 30 November to 7 December 1963; deployed to operate as a unit of 70.4 from 8 December to 21 December 1963.

c. Major conversions and/or periods out of service:

(1) Interim overhaul from 1 January to 3 February 1963 (dry dock 11 January to 24 January 1963).

d. Special awards or outstanding events:

- (1) 1963 MARJORIE STERRETT BATTLESHIP FUND AWARD for overall performance in battle efficiency competition.
- (2) Destroyer Squadron NINE's Battle Efficiency "E".
- (3) Nomination for 1963 ARLEIGH BURKE FLEET TROPHY.
- (4) Overall standing of one (1) in DESRON 9.
- (5) Selected as "OUR NAVY" magazine's "Ship of the Year" for 1963.
- (6) COMCRUDESPAC's ASW "A".
- (7) COMCRUDESPAC's Operations "E".
- (8) COMCRUDESPAC's Communications "C".
- (9) COMCRUDESPAC's Engineering "E".
- (10) COMCRUDESPAC's Gun Director "E" (MK 37).
- (11) COMCRUDESPAC's 1963 "Efficiency Award" for outstanding Supply performance.
- (12) Commendation by COMCRUDESPAC for contribution to force improvement (COMCRUDESPAC ltr 4330 ser 41/3566 of 7 May 1963 - for pointing out an area in which possible difficulties in OPTAR accounting could occur).
- (13) Goodwill visit to Uno, Japan from 5 April to 7 April 1963.
- (14) Change of command ceremony on 17 July 1963 in which CDR Orlin N. PUTMAN, USN, relieved CDR John A. SWANK, USN, as commanding officer, USS FRANK KNOX.
- (15) Two Korean naval officers were aboard the KNOX in the capacity of observers from 16 October to 14 November 1963.
- (16) During "Project Mercury" the FRANK KNOX became the first ground unit to sight the Mercury capsule.


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